

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – 1st November – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Feast of All Saints Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 Called to be Saints

‘They’ll have their reward in heaven’: this comforting expression is often spoken in the days following a bereavement as a way of honouring someone who has lived a good life, who was honest, loving and kind and worked hard for others. It gives voice to our deep sense that there is something beyond this life, and that our loved one has passed into the welcoming presence of God and the community of saints.

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, our gospel reveals the original context of these words in the Beatitudes of Jesus. However, when Jesus talks about the Kingdom of Heaven, as he does here, we are reminded that he is not only talking about the next life. The Beatitudes offer a vision for the here-and-now; they are a call to a world where justice and compassion prevail and there is no room for inequality. They have the power to turn the world as we know it upside down.

The saints we look up to embody many of the Beatitudes; they are like guides who have gone before us, holding a torch to show us the way. In our own lives, we have known people with these exceptional qualities, people who are gentle and kind, who live simply and peacefully, who fight for what is right, who work for peace, who weather pain and hurt with dignity. There are many saints who will never be canonised but who show us how to live well, teaching us about God with their lives.

We are all called to be saints and to nurture the attributes we read about in today’s gospel. Today, let us take the opportunity to look beyond this life, to remember those who have gone before us, and to learn how we can live a life of fullness and holiness, embracing God’s Kingdom here in this world.

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“Saints are those who wake up while in this world, instead of waiting for the next one.

Richard Rohr

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd November 2025

Feast of All Souls

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd November

Róisín Slye – 1st Anniversary

Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park

Bridget & Michael Byrne, Knockroe

Margaret Ready, Nurney

Elizabeth Foley, Bough

Kevin Barry

Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th November

Kathleen Faulkner, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown

Mary Kelly, Haroldstown

Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road

Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore

Trish Ryan, Knockroe

Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly

Sheila O’Neill, Slaney View

Nonie Doyle, Bough

Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 2nd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Conor O’Leary.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 9th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 25th & 26th October

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €329.02

Envelopes €296.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €111.30

Envelopes €458.50

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR NOVEMBER –

Rathvilly Area Friday, 7th Nov 2 – 5pm Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 12th Nov 2-5 pm

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

All who have died in the Parish since last November will be remembered at Mass this weekend. A candle will be lighting on the Altar in memory of our loved ones.

Rathvilly - Róisín Slye, Kathleen Faulkner, Ann McNamara, Theresa Curran,

Violet Gavin, Ned Byrne, Margaret (Maggie) Byrne, Thomas O’Brien,

Edward Doyle, Joe McKnight, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Dick Hanly, Mary Guilfoyle,

Jim Byrne, Peadar Nolan, Kathleen O’Connor.

Kiltegan – Peter Murphy, Seamus Boland, Brian Byrne, Mary Harmon,

Áine Carberry, Paul Costigan, Peter Doyle, Evan Fitzgerald.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD Names can be written on the sheets provided or in the “Altar List of the Dead” Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy. There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady’s Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BEREAVED 9 Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered during the month of November.

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results from 29th October 2025 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 02-07-19-20. 18 Match 3 numbers get €56.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 5th November. **Jackpot €13,000.**

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Our stained glass window over the Altar is progressing well and will be completed in the next few weeks. A deep clean will then be done on the Church. Our social employment scheme worker has returned to her native country so we need to set up a voluntary group to continue this work. We would ask for volunteers who could spare some time on a weekly or fortnightly basis to help with cleaning the Church. The tasks involved would be hoovering, polishing and general tidying. All help on this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please give you name to the Parish Office if you would be available to help. 059 9161114 Mon – Fri – 10 am – 1 pm. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

The Season of Advent is a wonderful gift to us to help us truly welcome the person of Christ into our lives. As a new Church year begins, it can also be a time of new beginnings - no matter where we find ourselves in life.

This year why not embrace all the richness of the season and take the time for prayer in order to ready yourself for the coming of Christ. The Advent scriptures are a wonderful starting point. They remind us of how, in God, all things can be transformed for the good. Our Parish will be offering the Advent Scripture Sharing for the 4 weeks of Advent beginning with Thursday 27th Nov at 6 pm in St Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly. In order that we can have a Resource for everyone, please contact the parish office 059 9161114, to indicate your interest.

TABLE QUIZ

Quiz Night in aid of Sophia Counselling Centre, Kiltegan takes place on Friday, 7th November at 8.30 p.m. in Horan Pub, Baltinglass. The Centre offers affordable counselling service to the community. Table of 4 people €40. Raffle to follow.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT

Michael English Concert takes place on Friday, 28th Nov. at 8 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly in association with The Schoolhouse Community & Enterprise Centre. Tickets €30 each available from Brennan’s Centra or the Parish Office.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:

To an evening of Inspirational Music & Song on Friday 7th November 8pm-10pm. in St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown, W91 YF54. Hosted by the ‘Ave Maria’ parish Choir & featuring a multitude of local singers & musicians. ***Free Concert.*** Limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment! Call Geraldine on 086 3591445, Mary on 083 8272963 or Joe on 0874900409 to secure your place. *Donations appreciated to go towards funding for a new projector & screen for our Churches.*

In November We Remember: Follow the diocesan X (@KANDLEi) and Facebook (KANDLEi) pages to receive daily posts for the month of November, with posts on the Christian understanding of death and prayers to accompany you in this month when we especially remember and pray for our dead.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the Rambling night Oct 17th in aid of Rathvilly Tidy Towns. It was a great night of music and entertainment. A special thanks to Joe Golding and Dan O’Connor for all their organisation for the night.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 11-12-13-15

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips

Andy Byrne Slaney Bank

On Line winner

Julie Kehoe Williamstown

On Line winner

Joe Hennessey Tullow

On Line winner

Marie Curry Ballybitt

Collette Kelly

Scott Kelly The Orchard

Paul Kelly

Next draw 4 Nov. 2025 **Jackpot €5,100**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1-5-18-26

George Botas

Borza Takeaway

Liam Murphy, Rathvilly

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Kali and Georgi Doran, Tullow

Joe Curran

Maire Connors, Collins Park

Jenny Donegan

Hazel Burgess, Lisnavagh

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Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 4th. November, 2025 **Jackpot €3,100.** Thank you for all your support.

PINK COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU

We wanted to extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who supported our coffee morning that took place on Monday 27 October. It was a lovely morning, and we were blown away by the kindness and generosity of everyone. We are delighted to share that with your support, we raised €2306 from the coffee morning, and this combined with our online donations we have raised over €4,000 for Breast Cancer Ireland. A special thank you to Kiltegan GAA who provided the venue, to Fisher’s, Super Valu and O’Reilly’s in Baltinglass who kindly donated supplies to support the morning and to anyone who baked or left in food. With thanks, Helen, Laura, Amanda, Aisling & Emma